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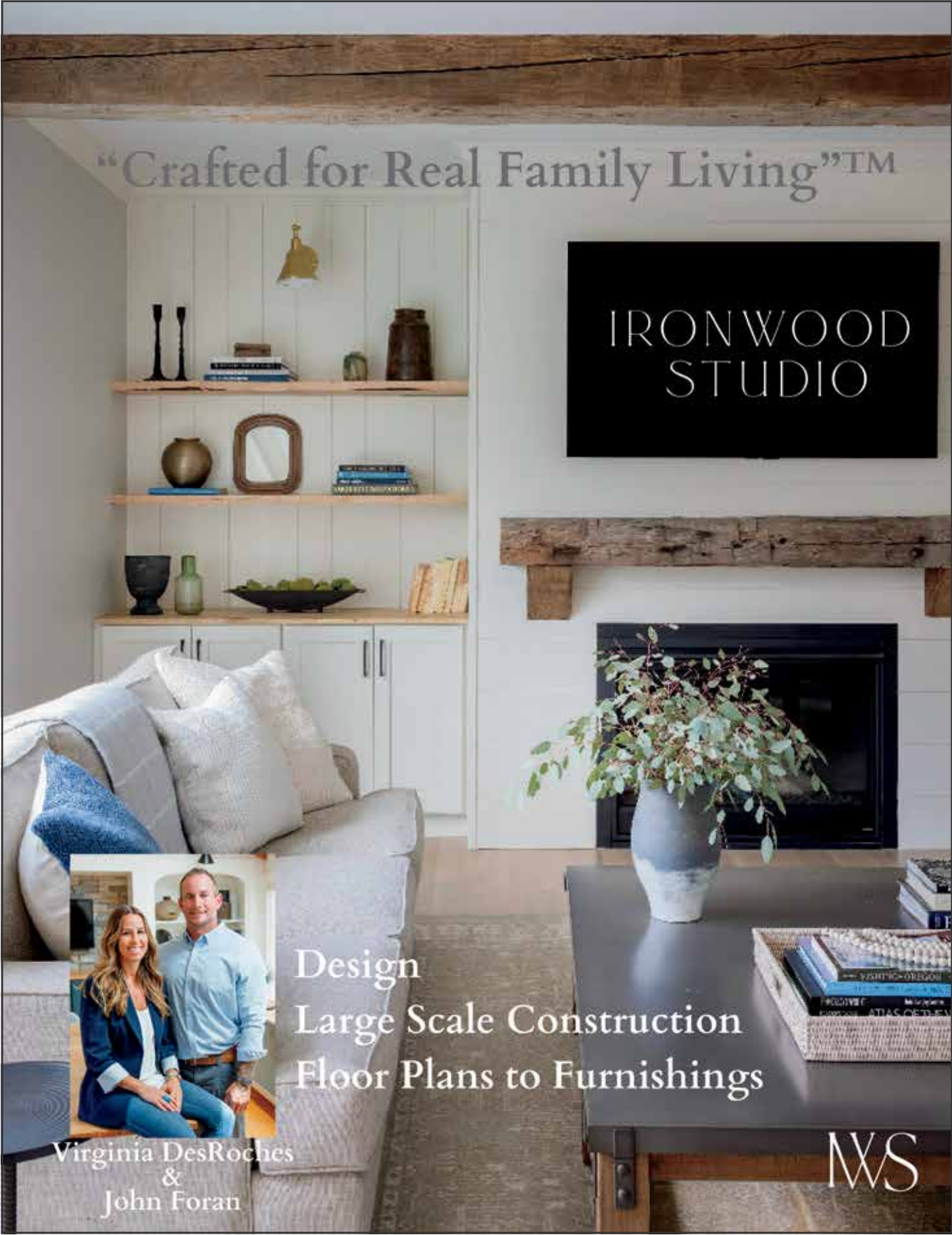
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## Tall Guys, 3-Point Shots and Ball Boys

Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

It looks as though the Red Sox are not going to win the World Series ... what? Oh, that's over. Well, with a new Chief Baseball Officer, and new star players to be hired, it will be a sure thing next year. Right?

The less said about the Patriots the better. There is the Revolution, Robert Kraft's other sports enterprise, if anyone knew they existed. They don't seem to get much publicity. The Bruins and the Celtics are in the running toward a championship, as usual, but always seem to be one game or two short of the prize.

You may not know this, but there is an abundance of professional women's sports teams in Boston, including the Renegades, a women's tackle football team, four-time National Champions of the Women's Football Alliance. The Beantown RFC is Boston's women's rugby team; they've been around since 1976 and have won six Women's Premier League National Championships. There is also the Boston entry in the Professional Women's Hockey League, Boston United Women's Pro Soccer and at least three women's lacrosse teams, the Cannon, the Blazers and the Storm. Who knows how many more? I can't keep up.

The Celtics have always been my favorite team. I go way back to the days of Bill Russell, Bob Cousy ("Mr. Basketball"), Tommy Heinsohn and later, John Havlicek. I even remember George Mikan, the league's first "big man" at 6-foot-11 (short by today's standards), who played for the Minneapolis Lakers. I liked him because he wore eyeglasses and so did I. I knew that Chuck Connors, who starred in the TV western *The Rifleman*, once played for the Celtics and the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball team. Yikes, I am old!

As a kid, I subscribed to all the basketball magazines: *Sport*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Pro Basketball* and *Sports Forecast*. I knew all the college players coming

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*On the Cover:* Adriana Cruz, a Grade 5 student, explained that it took a lot of blue colored pencil to fill in the sky complementing her winning entry in the Rochester Memorial School Christmas Tree poster contest. The blue in Rochester's sky had gone dark on Monday when Cruz threw the switch to light the town's tree on the village lawn. Photo by Mick Colageo

up, Larry Bird of course among them. I can honestly say I played intercollegiate basketball in college. Of course, it was an art school team consisting of players who were too short, too fat or were talented enough to be artists but not athletically talented enough to have their tuition paid with sports scholarships elsewhere.

When we lived near Boston, I'd watch every Celtics game. I yelled at the TV so much my bride used to think their center Robert Parrish's name was Parrish Ustiff.

Our downstairs neighbor was a statistician for the team. Coincidentally, I had his grandmother as a substitute teacher at Center School. Small world. He often gave us free tickets to the games at the old Boston Garden. They were right behind the team bench where a baker's dozen of assistant coaches, "player enhancement coaches," trainers and consultants now sit. Heinsohn was the coach (he had one assistant.) He would chain-smoke cigarettes and toss them on the floor for some poor ball boy to stamp out and pick up the butts.

The game has changed since those days. The

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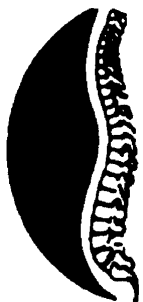


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players are bigger, taller, stronger and richer. Not like in Heinsohn's playing days when he had to sell insurance in the offseason to make ends meet. The players get away with more these days. Since the advent of the 3-point shot, set plays are seldom used, and palming the ball, traveling and 3-second violations under the basket are ignored. Streetball style is not enjoyable for an old fan like me.

By the way, ball boys (haven't noticed any girls) and towel boys apparently aren't poor anymore. According to AS USA, a sports website, they earn enough to "own suburban homes and go to private schools," plus they get good benefits, including health insurance. I think I missed my calling.

The website goes on to say that some water/towel/ball boys can make more than \$100,000 a year, though the average pay is about \$58,000, and no experience is required.

Do you think I'm too old to apply?

*Editor's note: Mattapoissett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and retired newspaper columnist whose musings are, after some years, back in The Wanderer under the subtitle "Thoughts on ...." Morgado's opinions have also appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.*

## Weight-Loss Drugs, Are They for Me?

*What Does The Doctor Say?*

**By Dr. Ed Hoffer**

Last year, Denmark published statistics on its Gross Domestic Product with and without Novo Nordisk, the giant Danish pharmaceutical company that markets Wegovy – that is how much money is rolling in to the manufacturer of the wildly successful obesity drug.

Why are Wegovy and friends such a hit? What should you know about these drugs?

America is suffering an epidemic of overweight and obesity – some 70% of us are either overweight (BMI>27) or obese (>30.) Excess weight contributes to the development of hypertension, diabetes and heart disease, and losing 5% or more of body weight has been demonstrated to lower the risk of cardiovascular disease.

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So, modest weight loss and serious or annoying side effects with these older agents.

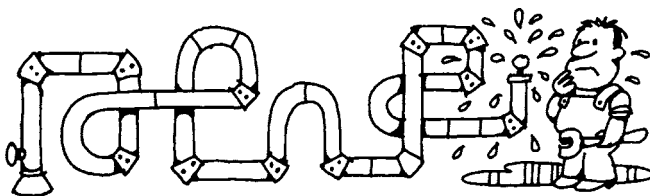
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What has turned the GLP-1 agonists into blockbusters is their dramatic effects on weight. In different trials with different products, subjects lost 12% to 20% of their body weight after a year. Most recently, a trial of semaglutide in very high-risk patients – in their 60s with established cardiovascular disease – showed that those on the drug had 20% fewer events (heart attack, stroke or cardiovascular death.)

There are now three products on the market: Wegovy (semaglutide), Saxenda (liraglutide) and Zepbound (tirzepatide – a GLP-1 agonist plus another.) Given the vast market potential, more will follow.

What is the downside? First is cost. Wegovy retails for \$1,349/4 weeks; Zepbound for \$1,060/4 weeks; Saxenda about \$1,300/4 weeks. And note that these drugs must be taken indefinitely! In trials, those who stopped the drug after a year regained most of the weight they had lost by a year after stopping.

Nuisance side effects including nausea, diarrhea and constipation are common. More serious side effects including inflammation of the pancreas or gallbladder, kidney injury and suicidal thoughts have been reported in less than 1% of people taking them.

Are they for you? If you are seriously overweight and have other conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure and/or heart disease, and if you have made your best effort at losing weight without medication, definitely discuss their use with your doctor.

Remember that weight is a life-long issue, and commit to using dietary changes and exercise as part of your life.

*Dr. Ed Hoffer is the chairman of the Marion Board of Health, a graduate of MIT and Harvard Medical School. He is Associate Professor of Medicine, part-time, at Harvard and a Senior Scientist at the Massachusetts General Hospital.*

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## Marion Stays with Single-Tax Rate

*Marion Select Board*

**By Mick Colageo**

After a continued public hearing (from November 21) on the Board of Assessors Tax Classification for the Town of Marion, the Marion Select Board voted on Tuesday afternoon to approve a factor of 1, meaning a single tax rate for the town.

Board of Assessors Chairperson Pat DeCosta said that 93.7% of the town's property is residential. The resultant tax rate will be \$9.26, down 18 cents from last year.

The Select Board meeting was an hour earlier than usual and held at the Cushing Community Center on Route 6, as town employees gathered at Council on Aging headquarters for their annual holiday party.

Under Action Items on Tuesday's agenda, the board voted: to approve unpaid Water/Sewer lien commitments of \$225,306.89 (November 30); the renewal of all 2024 licensing (effective December 31); to report an estimated seasonal population increase of 900 to the state Alcohol Beverage Control Commission, effective July 10, 2024; to revise the town's Flag Policy with slight changes (only municipal and school-organization flags shall be flown on municipal flagpoles; and finally, a Water/Sewer commitment of \$902.06 (final readings November 29.)

Town Administrator Geoff Gorman noted that historically, Marion has not and will not fly the flags



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of commercial or third-party organizations on town flagpoles (the Bulldog flag is okay.)

In his report to the Select Board, Gorman reported a shuffling of the deck where it concerns project managers for the Maritime Center and Department of Public Works construction projects.

Building Commissioner Bob Grillo will serve as OPM for the new harbormaster operations building at Island Wharf, and Facilities Manager Shaun Cormier will act in the same capacity for the new DPW construction at Benson Brook.

Gorman told the board he met with the three-person team from South Coast Improvement and discussed the layout of the construction setup, including public access and parking. He said the store will be open during construction, including handicapped access. Gorman also received signed contracts from SCI and is waiting on a "wet contract." Construction is expected to take no more than 350 days but is estimated at nine months. Gorman said he sent the documents to the state's Seaport Economic Council and is waiting on that entity.

The town has been going through DPW plans aiming to determine what can and cannot be done in house with a plan to finalize bid documents by Monday, April 1, after which the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting will be closed.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, December 19, at 6:00 pm at the

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## Mattapoisett to Keep Single Tax Rate

*Mattapoisett Select Board*

**By Marilou Newell**

The Mattapoisett Select Board met with Administrator of Assessing Mia Robinson to determine whether or not the town should continue with a single tax rate for all forms of real and personal property. The decision was unanimous to stay the course with a single rate.

In her presentation to the board and the town, Robinson shared that real and personal property assessed

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Proposed for 2024 the single tax rate is \$10.51 per \$1,000 assessed value. Robinson noted this equated to a 6.6% decrease over 2023 of \$11.25.

Robinson reported that the amount of revenue to be raised by both tax and non-tax sources in FY24 is \$41,585,042.22. This sum includes all enterprise funds. Revenue was and is derived from a tax base of 4,343 units of real property and 702 units of personal property.

New construction assessed value plus personal property growth taking place between December 31, 2021, and December 31, 2022, was \$54,448,457, which translates into \$612,545 of increased tax-levy capacity over Proposition 2½ and a 40% increase over FY23.

Robinson calculated that a two-tier tax rate would only impact homeowners some 32 cents, while hitting the commercial side by over \$5 per \$1,000 of valuation. She estimated that commercial owners would see an increase nearing \$3,000.

In other business, the board voted, approved and signed 2024 annual licenses. They also approved the spending of \$5,500 in ARPA funds for the purchase of three laptops, including setup.

After all that number crunching, the board reminded the public of the annual Holiday in the Park on December 9 between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Events include a buffet of free food and goodies from area vendors, crafts, musical performances, and a visit from Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph, Frosty and Elves. The community tree lighting will also take place.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board was not announced upon adjournment.

## Supply Chain Complicates Communications Upgrade

Rochester Select Board

By Mick Colageo

The good news out of Tuesday's Rochester Select

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Board meeting is that the Police Department has received a \$49,700 grant that will be put toward digital radios.

"It put us in a really good shape," said Police Chief Robert Small, who reports that the new equipment will give the department "everything we need."

As has been the case in so many postpandemic purchase agreements, there is a delay on the arrival of the merchandise.

"They have radios, they don't have batteries," said Rick Salvucci, the public safety systems manager for Mansfield-based Industrial Communications.

Salvucci told the board and the department chiefs that he had a difficult time getting a straight answer about the delay. First he was told the radios would arrive within eight weeks, he said, then four weeks, then another four another weeks. Finally, Salvucci requested a realistic timeline.

"They're telling me 26 weeks is a good number," he said, guessing that 22 weeks is probably more like it. "The cruiser radios don't need batteries so they should ship sooner."

Fire Chief Scott Weigel said his department has put its two mobile communications units in the ambulances and estimates 70 "portables" overall. He is working with the Acushnet Fire Department on a joint venture as suggested by a grant writer. He ordered 20 radios and is being told to expect their arrival in 22 weeks.

The story gets complicated where it concerns the Fire Department because, while the Fire Department will eventually upgrade to a digital system, it remains on the analog setting, and that has caused uncertainty regarding interdepartmental communications.

Select Board member Adam Murphy asked why go digital now when the departments are not entirely set up for it.

Salvucci said that there has been a lot of urgency for other deps within the regional dispatch system based in Duxbury to go for it. He said the problem with converting one department to digital incurs redundant effort and costs. According to Salvucci, several municipalities in the region have gone digital over the past several months, including Mattapoisett, Fairhaven

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Salvucci deals in Motorola products, which Small said are prevalent among police departments across the region. Meantime, Salvucci maintains an association with another industry representative who sells Kenwood products, which have been the in-house equipment performing well despite age and mileage, according to both Rochester chiefs.

Hanson and Kingston fire departments are digital, and the entire Cape Cod is going digital, according to Salvucci. Ironically, Duxbury, the host town of the

regional dispatch never will, as Chief Reardon doesn't like the sound.

The discussion turned to towers in surrounding towns.

"We need to figure out how to get backup. That's my biggest issue with this whole thing," said Rochester

Deputy Fire Chief and Highway Supervisor Jeff Eldridge.

The board and the departments thanked Salvucci for visiting the Select Board for discussion and brainstorming.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Monday, December 11, at 6:00 pm at the Senior Center, Dexter Lane.

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## Short-Term Renters Share Viewpoints

*Marion Planning Board*

**By Mick Colageo**

The second discussion held by the Marion Planning Board on short-term rentals ushered in the perspective of people doing the renting, and Monday night's public meeting at the Police Station was well attended as the board entertained more points of view.

"Eighty percent of our business are guests here for something to do with Marion," said Marion-based realtor Bernadette Kelly, who was looking to dispel the notion that short-term rentals in town are owned by investors from far-away places devoid of any interest in the community.

Kelly says her short-term clients typically visit Marion to attend family events and Tabor Academy events, including trustees of the school by the sea.

"The reason we started doing this is because we host a family reunion at our house. We could never find the room," said Kelly. "I have never been approached for a prom party ... by underage people. This is much more about Marion."

Kelly was not the only landlord to speak, but her sentiments were echoed by other renting residents concerned that the town may enact a bylaw that from their point of view, would cripple Marion's ability to host visitors.

The Planning Board's initial discussion was prompted by residents in coastal neighborhoods who have become concerned that Airbnb-style rentals of homes in their neighborhoods constitutes a commercial activity and thereby augments the community in an uncomfortable manner. People are saying they feel like they have hotels instead of neighbors, and they don't know who their neighbors are.

They want oversight, and the Planning Board has begun to entertain a bylaw meant to offer those residents a comfort zone. Board Chairman Tucker Burr asked the members to size up the problem and return on December 4 prepared to discuss potential solutions.

"Hopefully, we'll eventually come to an agreement on what a bylaw would look like," said Burr, outlining a process that would necessarily include a public hearing that would be advertised in *The Wanderer*, then reckoning with feedback presented and finally, a potential article crafted by the middle of March for the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Before the floor was opened to the public, each board member was asked to respond to the issue.

"Short-term rentals are here to stay, so it'd be nice to get some oversight," said Vice Chairman Andrew Daniel, who considers inspections essential. "My goal with this – purpose very similar (to) Barnstable and New Bedford, is health and safety welfare, quality of life for surrounding residents, home values. ... I'm going to write something that protects everybody."

Member Jon Henry wasn't so sure the Planning Board should be taking the process too far at this time.

"I think we're putting the cart before the horse," Henry cautioned, citing the authority of other adjudicatory boards, "starting with the Select Board on down that have input on this subject. ... The selectmen issue business permits."

Henry referenced a 30-minute conversation he had held earlier in the day with Fire Chief Brian Jackvony to get his feedback on the safety issue, potential overcrowding and traffic.

"Before looking at other towns ... I feel as though we're ignoring people who have jurisdiction," said Henry, alluding to septic systems as one example. "We all hear from the Buzzards Bay Coalition ... one of the leading

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causes for nitrogen in the bay is failed septic systems. ... They might just be overtaxed."

Any power that the town has to control short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods, Henry is convinced, will come down to zoning. In the meantime, he is adamant that the next step is getting Marion's other boards, commissions and committees in on the discussion.

Attending the meeting remotely, member Alanna Nelson said the state Department of Revenue is necessarily involved once a rental exceeds 14 days.

Agreeing with comments made by Henry and Nelson, board member Eileen Marum shared a report she authored on the subject, examining economic costs and benefits of short-term rentals.

"My concern is the rising housing costs. I believe that's the key problem, not only in Marion but all across the United States," said Marum, who feels as though short-term rentals gone unchecked could further leverage lower-income families out of Marion.

"Even small changes in housing supplies can cause significant price increases," said Marum, adding that she believes "this is a reason why we're not seeing young families in Marion. ... Short-term rentals are not worth it ... it benefits a small portion of people."

Advocating for a tax on water, Marum argued that the shift from traditional hotels to Airbnb lodging leads to less reliable tax payments to communities. "If you have a lot of Airbnbs in your community, I think it destroys the fabric of the community because you don't know who your neighbors are," she said.

Henry noted that the Town of Marion has an enterprise system for water but not for sewer. He identified the complexities of taxing sewer as a key issue.

Marum suggested taxing those who rent Airbnbs but admitted it is difficult to be sure how many guests are using a house. "I think you would have to put a substantial tax on the water," she said.

Member Ryan Burke told the board that he has looked at Salem, which requires special permits. That adjudication process allows the town to hear from abutters seriously affected by the short-term rental in their neighborhood.

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Daniel reiterated his interest in some regulation but not overregulation. He suggested a \$1,000,000 policy in short-term rental insurance.

"If we write something, we have the ability to put those things in there. ... I'd rather have some regulation than overregulation," he said. "I'd like to have a list of who owns these properties and who stays there."

Daniel thinks it prudent to learn if the trash is being put out or if an Airbnb is being overrun with rats because tenants are not being responsible. "The owner also has a hand in this game," he said.

Select Board member Randy Parker noted that the Marion Select Board opted in on the bed-and-breakfast tax.

Resident Dianne Cosman asked Kelly to confirm collection of taxes and the passing of that money to the state. Kelly confirmed it goes to the state, not back to the renters.

"I think your kind of business is probably what we should have. It's the little neighborhoods that are the big concerns for me," said Cosman. "Route 6 is a totally different situation than those of us who live in these residential neighborhoods. Planting Island, I have an Airbnb next to me. People coming for weekends ... I have no idea who they are."

Cosman said she no longer feels comfortable letting her granddaughters out of the house.

Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee, sitting in as board administrator in the absence of Terri Santos, reminded the attendees that all questions should be directed through the board chairman and emphasized "comments ... we're looking for opinions."

Residents Kitt Sawitsky and Pam Oliveira spoke, echoing Cosman's long-standing concern about the character of the neighborhood.

"I don't think there's a lot of controversy about Airbnbs and if someone wants to build a hotel, if it's zoned, but a dwelling place that has become a business. What matters to me is the neighborhood now has transient people who are not invested in their neighbors or the community," said Sawitsky.

Resident Dan Crete, who also owns the 288



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Wareham Street boatyard, acknowledged as a renter that there could be problems in certain areas.

"We're registered and complying with all the regulations we're aware of. We're very careful of who's in there and how many," said Crete, who recalled terminating a rental during a Tabor graduation. "There's a certain responsibility that comes with it.

"In my mind, the idea of having to register with the town, a small fee, \$200 a year, doesn't offend me. ... What scares me is the 'no, you can't do it' kind of thing."

Michelle Crowley, who operates an Airbnb on Spring Street, serves many people coming to visit family or for Tabor-related events.

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visit family. To ban it or to put a lot of regulations on it are going to change things for people," she said. "My question would be, let's see the police report; are we really having a problem with too many people overcrowding, causing problems?"

Dr. Laura Hussey, who grew up summers in a seasonal cottage in Marion, is concerned after she said vagabonds were camping out and approached girls at Brainard Marsh. She said that situation decreased her sense of Marion as "homey and safe." Agreeing with Henry, she pointed to zoning. "We're looking for some insulation against commercial activities."

Burr said he is concerned that 20 years from now he will wake up to learn these properties are owned by hedge funds based in Wisconsin, but Kelly disagreed.

"From a business point of view, they're not going to invest here. We don't have that kind of resort destination appeal. And that's a good thing," said Kelly.

"I wonder how many (Cape Cod) towns would have said that 50 years ago," Burr replied.

Daniel reiterated that the town would do well to have "a mechanism ... you have some control, some authority, some teeth in it."

Burr wrapped up the discussion and encouraged attendees to continue submitting comments to Santos. He said, pending more development in the discussion, that the matter could be revisited when the board meets next on December 18.

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Per developer Matt Zuker's request, the board voted to continue to January 2, 2024 at 7:05 pm the public hearing on 78 Wareham Road LLC (aka The Cottages.) Zuker is seeking a Special Permit. The project is subject to Major Site Plan Review.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, December 18, at 7:00 pm at the Police Station on Route 6.

## Oakland Way Ownership Issues

*Mattapoissett Planning Board*

**By Marilou Newell**

Subdivision rules and regulations have a deeper history in our state than one might believe. As far back as 1891, the City of Boston drafted its first comprehensive subdivision control statute. During the early 1900s, additional regulations and rules were added, language modified, including but not limited to subdivision powers which were conferred to planning boards in 1936.

The road to understanding and rendering fair decisions on matters of land subdivisions continues to pose questions in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, in spite of decades of legal review and regulatory oversight.

Thus, when the abutters, primarily property owners living on Oakland Way, asked questions regarding the Form A Approval Not Required subdivision for property owned by Laurel Henning, answers were not crystal clear. As noted in the ANR Mass.gov handbook,

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hundreds of legal challenges have shaped regulations over the years.

On Monday night, the Mattapoisett Planning Board sought to add clarity where it could for the benefit of the abutters. Neither the applicant nor her representative, Bill Madden of G.A.F. Engineering, were present to address questions.

Abutters' major concern centered around ownership of the "way" described as a driveway with easement rights to all abutters.

The posting of the application read, "Form A Approval Not Required Application for Map 8, Lots 70 & 72, applicant Laurel Henning, parcel B and Lot 70A on Oakland Way and Lot 72A on Foster Street."

Planning Board member John Mathieu provided some pertinent details regarding the private property held by Henning, the right-of-way easement and duties of care of the way, and a heavy suggestion that they establish a homeowners' association. He told the residents it is important to understand the intentions of the owner in order to protect their use and maintenance of the way.

Beyond that, Mathieu said that Henning could not usurp their free travel on the way, but, further, she also had no responsibility to maintain it. The land was privately held.

The board moved to accept the one-lot subdivision plan as presented, noting to the abutters that the board had no responsibility regarding existing utilities

that were also noted as privately held by each property owner.

Another ANR was a bit more straightforward.

Forms A and B Approval Not Required for property located on Ocean Drive with lots owned by brothers David and Joseph Duchaine was heard. Engineer Dave Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc., explained that parcels A and B will not be considered building lots and that a new lot 16B will meet frontage once zoning approves the proposed roadway, making it a building lot.

The application is pending Fire and Police Department acceptance for safety requirements. It was continued until the December 18 meeting.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, December 18, at 7:00 pm.

## Bishop Road House Carefully Conditioned

*Rochester Conservation Commission*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

Rochester's Conservation Commission Tuesday struggled to approve a rather problematic Notice of Intent to construct a single-family home with an on-site well, septic and associated grading within the 25-foot wetland buffer zone at 0 Bishop Road.

Even the applicant's representative, Darren Michaelis of Wareham-based Foresight Engineering admitted the plan proposed by the landowner to sell the property to a potential homeowner is not a simple one because of the limited lot space there to work with.

"I'm planning it the best way I can," Michaelis said. "The lot is grandfathered, but with your town zoning is not enough."

The commission approved the Order of Conditions, but not before placing strict conditions to bar any construction work too close to the wetlands buffer zone.

"It looks like we're looking at a mitigation nightmare," commission member Ben Bailey said. "If we don't restrict your work now, we're not doing our job."

The commission set the permit condition that there be no cutting of trees or the stumps of trees that did



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not “die a natural death” within 15 feet of the wetlands buffer zone. Upon Michaelis’ recommendation, the board added the condition that the developer notify the town of any work being done within 15 feet of the buffer, so the Conservation Agent can supervise the work and that any agent of the town can inspect said work without advance notice.

Next, the commission responded cautiously to a pitch for the town to join a state Farmland of Local Importance designation program. State soil scientist Maggie Payne, a former Conservation Commission member attending the meeting remotely via Zoom, explained this program seeks to create a list of the soils across the state that are the most suitable for farming. The goal, she said, is to identify farmland areas in order to protect and preserve them and allow their landowners to be eligible for certain programs.

Chair Chris Gerrior asked the following critical questions: Who so designates the farmland? The town? The property owner? What would be the board’s next step?

Payne said the state consultant creates the list, and each community decides whether to join the program and agree to the list. After Payne’s call ended, the commission agreed its next step is to consult with the Select Board but not because they like the idea behind the program.

“The Planning Board has rejected this as with any government program,” said Bailey, who is also a member of the Planning Board.

“I’m dead set against this,” Commission member Matthew Bache said.

Commissioner Michael Gifford said he needed more information. He said he wasn’t hearing enough details on the program’s plusses and minuses.

Gerrior agreed with these sentiments but added that consulting with the Select Board remains the best next step.

The Rochester Conservation Commission scheduled its next public meeting for Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

## Sippican Welcomes RSO

*Marion School Committee*

**By Mick Colageo**

While the Marion School Committee’s November 30 meeting dealt with the intense academic business of MCAS testing results and the School Improvement Plan, it was also an occasion to celebrate the achievement of many supporters’ goal of getting Sippican Elementary School a Student Resource Officer.

Calling it a “landmark introduction,” Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson said, “I get the privilege of introducing our certified School Resource Officer, Jon Tracy. ... Once the town, taxpayers and voters approved the Marion Police



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Budget, which included the SRO for Sippican Elementary School, the work really took off in the summer.”

Nelson summarized the process, including the state-approved Memorandum of Agreement between the Marion School Committee and the Marion Police Department, working with Chief Richard Nighelli and conducting interviews.

“I would say, just about two weeks prior to the school year, which was getting a little close for me, we conducted our interviews, and we feel very fortunate that Officer Tracy was interested in the job in the first place with the experience that he brings with him, then was ready right at the beginning of school.”


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With that, Nelson thanked the Town of Marion for supporting the initiative.

Sippican Principal Marla Brown publicly thanked Tracy "for being such an integral part of everyday life

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here at Sippican. We have kids earning time to play (sports) with him. ... I'm just so grateful for everything he does for us every day, and I just can't imagine the school without him."

"I'm loving every day I've been here," said Tracy, thanking the committee for the welcome to the school.

"We're very happy that you're here, absolutely," said Committee Chairperson April Nye.

The ensuing MCAS presentation focused on Old Rochester Regional District-wide and Marion-specific results.

"We believe this data will inform our future decision-making regarding our Teaching and Learning Action Plan," said Nelson, noting that Marion is the final stop the ORR District for MCAS review. "As always, I think it's important to remember that MCAS results represent only one set of data that is available to us in that we have to acknowledge that we judge student growth on so much more in terms of what's happening day in and day out here, beyond standardized testing.

"With that said, I believe that at the conclusion of this presentation you'll see what I have seen, that there are a lot of great things happening here at Sippican, even when you're only looking at the MCAS data."

Taking the floor, Dr. Shari Fedorowicz, Asst. Supt. of Teaching and Learning noted that Student Growth Percentiles (SGP's) were issued to students having registered prior scores and having met current grade-level requirements on a 1-99 scale and are measured against the state's mean SGP. English Language and Mathematics are counted but not Science. SGP's were only measured for Grades 4-8 and Grade 10 (not Grade 3) and only in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics (but not Science.)

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There was no MCAS testing in 2020, and it only came back partially for elementary students only in 2021, but since then 2022 and 2023 scores reflect the gaps created by remote education during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The slide is significant because the state's looking to get back to the 2019 scores, so we're looking and comparing progress not only from last year but our recovery relative to 2019," said Fedorowicz.

The good news, said Federowicz, is statewide trends, indicating that Marion students in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics are performing in a recovery stage. Grade 3 students, who were in Kindergarten in 2020, have shown improvement in against a flat trend statewide.

Grades 3-6 across the ORR District performed slightly lower than last year in ELA, slightly better in Math, and better in both areas than the state average. Grade 5 Science performed lower than last year and lower than the state average. Overall, however, district students performed 4% better than last year and 11% above the state average with a higher and faster curve toward recovering 2019 levels.

Reporting on Sippican Elementary School's performance, Principal Marla Brown said that Grade 3-6 ELA students tested 2% worse than last year but remained 4% better than the state average. Brown also noted that Sippican has is reporting 31-40% low-income students, up a bracket from 21-30% last year.

The district-wide performance is similar in Math to that of ELA. ORR is 1% better than last year and 10% above the state average. Grades 3-12 remain above the state average but have come down a notch on the growth scale.

Math students in Grades 3-6 continue to test significantly higher than the state average. Grades 3, 4 and 6 meet or exceed the state average in all Math categories. Out of five Math categories, Grade 5 only fell below the state average in Operations and Algebraic Thinking.

Science has been a bit of a different topic across the ORR District, where Grades 5 and 8 remain 7% above the state average but dipped in performance from last year by 11%. In commenting on a Grade 5 chart showing a 21% dip from last year (3% below the state average),

Brown noted that district-wide faculty has analyzed these results and created an action plan to ensure a recovery in those scores.

"The state has started using content in alignment with Open Sci-Ed, even though we've only just started implementation as a pilot (program). The kids have not had access to that instruction. They're getting that access this year through the pilot program in Grade 5," said Brown. "We're hopeful that our participation in that pilot program for Open Sci-Ed this year will provide our students with more access to the types of questions that they'll see on the test this year."

Grade 5 students scored above the state average in three out of four Science categories, Earth and Space Science, Life Science and Technology / Engineering. They fell short of the state average in Physical Science.

Along with continued implementation of Open Sci. Ed. curriculum, action steps to address Grade MCAS deficiencies include STEAM sessions, small groups and co-teaching and planning with Enrichment and Science teachers.

Brown said that emphasis on reading and math coming out of the pandemic, plus a lack of experience with Open Sci. Ed. exposure when those questions were including in the test, contributed to the lower scores in Physical Science. Brown credited the teachers for their work in professional development and bringing the students up to speed.

"I will say, having spent time in Mrs. White's fifth-grade Science class, the kids are completely excited about everything they're learning and really doing a phenomenal job and ... doing a lot of writing about science already," said Brown.

Nelson said that Grade 5 Science scores were down across the state and that in other areas where there were lower scores statewide, the ORR District did not dip with the state.

"We are looking at the whole child here, and if we look back to 2019, that was a very different world than it is now," said Fedorowicz, identifying MCAS as but one albeit important data point. "There's a lot more focus on the social-emotional, our students have been through a lot. These kiddoes, for some of them this is their first go at the MCAS."

Nelson publicly thanked Fedorowicz, Brown and the staff for their work with the students.

The School Improvement Plan is part of the school's five-year strategic plan, beginning with a Year 1 presentation to be succeeded by two, two-year plans.

The Year 1 plan as presented was broken into strategic objectives of Teaching and Learning. The first goal is to develop curriculum emphasizing the Hill for Literacy Program, a literacy-assessment plan and auditing and updating content via the district-wide council. The second goal is related to professional development and the third an overall strengthening of academic, behavioral and social-emotional learning. The fourth



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goal is to provide an inclusive, equitable and positive climate and culture that promotes a sense of belonging for all members of district schools. The fifth goal is to provide safe, secure and equitable learning environments, including a new cyber-security program that the ORR District is rolling out.

The committee approved donations from St. Gabriel's Parish of four \$50 gift certificates each from Walmart, Shaw's and Target for needy families. Also, from the Ludes Family Foundation a donation of \$500 to Sippican Project Grow was approved.

The committee also approved the admittance of the Brockton and Whitman-Hanson districts for membership in the READS Collaborative.

The next meeting of the Marion School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 4, 2024, at Sippican Elementary School, and the next meeting of the Joint School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2024, at the ORR Junior High media room. Both meetings begin at 6:30 pm.

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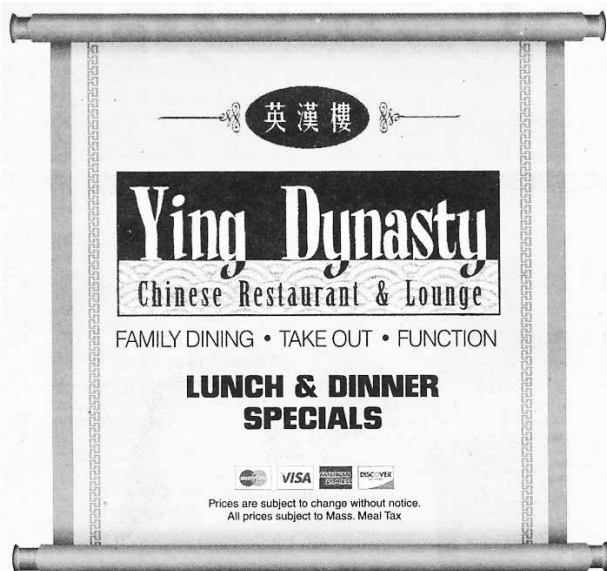
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## Mattapoisett Cemetery and Memorials Advisory Committee

Mattapoisett's newly formed Cemetery and Memorials Advisory Committee has several areas of responsibility.

Acting in an advisory manner, the committee will assist the Select Board in matters related to the municipal cemeteries Barlow and Hammond.

They will advise and assist in the coordination of memorial bricks and benches. New forms are available for the purchase of memorial bricks from Town Hall, the Library, or the Council on Aging.

They are also seeking information for the future recognition of all veterans, either buried or interned in





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Mattapoisett. The committee is working with the Sons of the American Revolution to establish a commemorative plaque naming those Patriots.

Expanding on the identification of all Veterans' graves, if you have information that can assist the committee, please contact Chairman Ray Hanks through the Select Board's office.

### Rochester Women's Club

The ladies of the Rochester Women's Club will be hosting a visit from Santa on **December 16** at the Club House located at 37 Marion Road. From 11 to 1, Santa will be available for a chat and a photo. This is an opportunity for parents to bring along their phones

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or cameras and catch a glimpse of their little one with Santa. Refreshments will be available. This is a completely free event. Donations to benefit our scholarship will be gratefully accepted.

On Wednesday **December 29**, you may find the Women's Club Carolers at your door. We will be out in force starting at 4:30 pm.

### **From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society**

**By Connie Eshbach**

Currently on display at the Rochester Historical Museum on County Road as part of our Maps, Signs and Celebrations exhibit are pictures, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings and artifacts that tell the stories of how Rochester celebrated two important anniversaries. In 1976, they joined together to celebrate the Bicentennial of the United States and then from 1979-1986, the Tricentennial anniversary of Rochester.

Like the earlier celebrations of the 200th and the 250th anniversaries of Rochester's founding, costumes played a big role. In the earlier celebrations, many of the costumes were authentic, colonial clothing stored in ancestor's attics. By the 1970's, a lot of that clothing was no longer available or like the historical clothing at our museum was too small for adult wear due to better modern-day nutrition, though there is evidence of a few unfortunate alterations made of historical dresses.

Not to be deterred, local seamstresses got to work creating period appropriate clothing for all ages. For some events, such as the Women's Club Bicentennial Ball, costumes were optional, but there is a picture of Katherine Church and Mrs. Thomas Gayorski Jr. and her daughter, Michelle, in colonial dresses and mop caps promoting the dinner and dance.

Another picture at an outdoor event shows Ronnie Hedges, age 2 and Jenny Taylor, 18 months enjoying the event in their colonial costumes. There are also pictures of similarly attired parade participants. The picture with this article is of Greenwood Hartley's Bicentennial costume which is currently on display at the museum.



Costumes (hopefully, they saved the ones from 1976) continued to play a prominent part in the 1979 and 1986 Tricentennial events. On July 7, 8, and 9 of 1979, an encampment of reenactors of the 4th Battalion, Royal Regiment of Artillery & Light Co. was set up on the green in the center of town. On that Sunday, a special "in-costume" service was held at the First Rochester Congregational Church. A picture on display shows Rev. William Fillerbrown and a family of greeters waiting in the doorway of the church to welcome the visiting red-coated artillery who represented the colonial army in 1679. The costumed greeters were the Gayorski family, Deborah, Michelle, Diane, Lisa, Thomas Jr. and Dorothy.

Just an FYI- we all may need to rev up our sewing machines as it is just two years until the United States turns 250 years old in 2026, and I'm sure Rochester will again rise to the challenge of celebrating in proper style.

### **Friends of the Mattapoissett Bicycle and Recreational Path**

Friends of the Mattapoissett Bicycle and Recreational Path ask residents who are enjoying the Shining Tides Mile to consider the "bike path" in their year-end giving plans. We're now working with the Town on Phase 2 which will extend the Mattapoissett Rail Trail from Depot Street into the Park Street neighborhood and over to Marion. We've pledged a \$50,000 contribution as the local match to a \$200,000 dollar MassTrails Grant which will finalize design for Phase 2A so that construction funding for a "shovel ready" project can be requested. We're ¼ of the way to our goal using the funds raised by the 2023 Tour de Crème. A generous donor is matching all contributions up to \$2500.

Hopefully, people have read about the significant progress on the Marion Pathway. Friends' funding match of the last mile in Mattapoissett will keep the safe connection to Marion moving forward without pauses, creating protected road crossings of Route 6 and North Street. Learn more at our website [www.mattapoissettrail.org](http://www.mattapoissettrail.org).

Contributions to the Friends can be mailed to PO Box 1336, Mattapoissett, MA 02739 or made through GoFundMe. All funds received will be used to support the completion of the path and path amenities. Thank you.

### **MLT Awarded State Grant**

The Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) recently awarded the Mattapoissett Land Trust (MLT) just over \$80,000 to complete a comprehensive study of the tidal marshes west of Mattapoissett Neck Road by June 30, 2024. The study will explore conditions in nearly 250 acres of saltmarsh, currently one of the most degraded salt marshes in Buzzards Bay, according to data from the Buzzards Bay Coalition.

Researchers will use field studies as well as

computer modeling to evaluate future marsh conditions in light of increasing rain and wind storms and sea level rise. The final product will be a saltmarsh habitat restoration plan describing current and future conditions in the marsh and feasible restoration actions to help restore healthy ecological function within the marsh.

There are many partners working on this saltmarsh study: Mattapoissett Land Trust and the Town of Mattapoissett, as well as the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Project, Buzzards Bay Coalition, Plymouth County Mosquito Control and CZM's Coastal Habitat and Water Quality program. Much of the technical work will be completed by Woods Hole Group and Greenman Pederson, Inc. working as subcontractors to MLT.


A public meeting will be held before the conclusion of the study to discuss study findings and restoration actions identified by researchers. Please follow the Mattapoissett Land Trust's website to learn more about the study and future public meetings.

### December Events at the Mattapoissett Library's Children's Room

The Mattapoissett Free Public Library has an array of exciting children's events planned for December.


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7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM Cape Conversations  
8:30 AM You and Your Health  
9:00 AM A Conversation With...  
9:30 AM Pete on the Street  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education  
11:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
11:30 AM Paltracast with Darren Paltowitz  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:20 PM Halloween in the Tri-Town  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes  
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Sue Tift  
3:00 PM Old Colony Boys Soccer vs Norfolk Aggie  
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
5:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
6:30 PM Tri-Town TV  
7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
7:30 PM This is America & The World  
8:00 PM Money Matters TV  
8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report  
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church  
10:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Blue October  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday December 8, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM Bulldog Sports Show  
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities  
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
11:00 AM Cape Conversations  
11:30 AM A Conversation With...  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:20 PM Halloween in the Tri-Town

12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:30 PM Off the Shelf  
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road  
3:30 PM This is America and the World  
4:00 PM Paltracast with Darren Paltowitz  
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
5:00 PM ORR Powderpuff Game  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Blue October  
8:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Celebrating the Archive with Leslie Thayer Piper  
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday December 9, 2023

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival  
9:00 AM Health Source  
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM A Conversation With...  
11:00 AM Auto Sense  
11:30 AM Science 360  
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie  
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Sue Tift  
2:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
3:00 PM Paltracast with Darren Paltowitz  
3:30 PM South Coast Matters  
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
5:00 PM ORR Volleyball vs Dennis Yarmouth  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:20 PM Halloween in the Tri-Town  
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Conflict Zone  
8:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Celebrating the Archive with Leslie Thayer Piper  
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes  
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business  
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday December 10, 2023

6:00 AM Health Source  
6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church  
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester  
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion  
11:00 AM Sippican Memorial Rededication  
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
1:30 PM Halloween in the Tri-Town  
2:00 PM Miss New Bedford Insider  
2:30 PM Marion Veterans Day Ceremony  
3:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show  
4:00 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers  
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
5:00 PM Rochester Historical Society - Old Methods of Land Surveying  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
8:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Conflict Zone  
9:00 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
9:30 PM Jazz Jam at The Marion Art Center  
11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report  
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday December 11, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:30 AM For Your Health  
9:00 AM You and Your Health  
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:00 AM A Conversation With...  
10:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre

2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
2:30 PM The Collective Chat  
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
4:30 PM Jazz Jam at The Marion Art Center  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - Old Methods of Land Surveying  
7:30 PM Marion Veterans Day Ceremony  
8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
9:00 PM Let's Talk Business  
9:30 PM Building the Future  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Democracy Now

Tuesday December 12, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
9:30 AM The Collective Chat  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe  
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
11:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning  
11:30 AM In the Toy Box  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider  
2:00 PM The Human Truth  
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
4:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - Old Methods of Land Surveying  
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:00 PM Marion Council on Aging - Cape Verde Story Share  
8:40 PM The Beacon Hill Report  
9:10 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday December 13, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape

8:30 AM For Your Health  
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
2:00 PM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education  
2:10 PM Mattapoisett Harbor Days  
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday  
3:00 PM A Conversation With...  
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard  
4:00 PM Paltracast with Darren Paltowitz  
4:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - Historical Maps of Rochester  
5:30 PM Building the Future  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business  
7:30 PM Marion Council on Aging - Cape Verde Story Share  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

## MARION

### GOVERNMENT

#### Comcast Channel 26

#### Verizon Channel 39

#### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen  
7:30 AM Marion Planning Board  
10:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission  
12:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
1:00 PM Marion School Committee  
2:00 PM Marion Finance Committee  
3:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission  
4:00 PM Marion Board of Health  
5:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust  
6:00 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission  
6:30 PM ORR School Committee  
8:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee  
10:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen  
11:30 PM Marion Planning Board

## ROCHESTER

### GOVERNMENT

#### Comcast Channel 26

#### Verizon Channel 40

## Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
7:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission  
8:00 AM Rochester Planning Board  
9:30 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
10:30 AM Rochester School Committee  
12:30 PM ORR School Committee  
2:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee  
4:00 PM Rochester Select Board  
4:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission  
5:00 PM Rochester Planning Board  
6:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
7:30 PM Rochester School Committee  
9:30 PM ORR School Committee  
11:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee

## EDUCATION

### CHANNEL

#### Comcast Channel 8

#### Verizon Channel 37

#### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Sports Show  
7:30 AM Bulldog Weekly  
8:30 AM Sippican Jr. Reporters  
9:00 AM Old Hammondton School 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony  
10:30 AM Rochester Memorial School Kindergarten Info Session  
12:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show  
12:30 PM Bulldog Weekly  
1:30 PM Old Colony Football vs Holbrook  
3:00 PM Old Colony Graduation  
4:00 PM Old Colony Vision for the Future  
4:30 PM Cable History of Old Colony RVTHS  
6:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show  
6:30 PM Bulldog Weekly  
7:30 PM Old Colony Girls Soccer vs Bristol Plymouth  
9:00 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Wareham  
10:00 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Tri-Town Police  
11:30 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Dighton Rehoboth

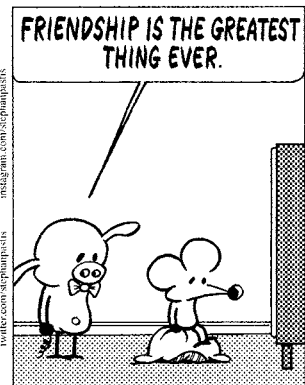
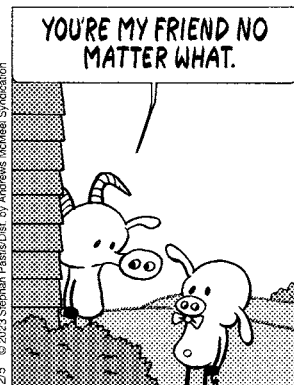
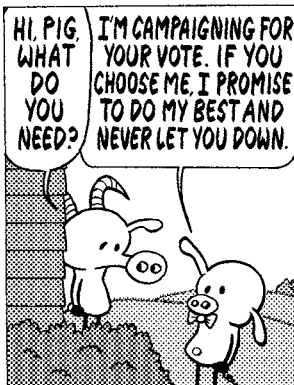
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### GOVERNMENT

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## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



go. No registration is required, and it's on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

On Thursday, **December 14**, patrons have two chances to participate, 3:30 pm or 4 pm, in Make a Candy Lighthouse, with all ages welcome. Adult assistance is needed for children under 5. Registration is required.

Additionally, Snowy Days Storytime will take place on Thursday, **December 14** and Thursday, **December 28**, at 10:30 am, featuring songs, stories and fun. No registration is required.

Finally, on Friday, **December 29** at 1pm, the library invites families to join Film Friday: Holiday Edition, featuring "Nutcracker: The Motion Picture" by the Pacific Northwest Ballet, complete with popcorn and beverages. No registration is required.

For further inquiries, feel free to contact the library at [mfpl@sailsinc.org](mailto:mfpl@sailsinc.org) or by visiting our website at [MattapoissettLibrary.org](http://MattapoissettLibrary.org). It promises to be a delightful month full of creativity, festive activities and community engagement.

### Plumb Library Upcoming Events & Fundraisers

Friends of Plumb Library Holiday Fair Fundraiser - The Friends Holiday Fair Fundraiser is here. Please stop by between 10 am and 2 pm on Saturday, **December 9** and help support the Friends of Plumb Library. Take a photo with one of Santa's Helpers from noon-1 pm. You can

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# OBITUARIES



**Robert A. Grome**, 84, of Mattapoisett, formerly of Wellesley passed away peacefully on Monday, November 27, 2023, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born in Newton on February 11, 1939, he was the son of the late Andrew and Mabel Grome.

Bob grew up in Wellesley and graduated from Wellesley High School. He was a member of the Air National Guard.

Throughout the years he worked as a maintenance machinist for many different companies including Carlings Brewery, Corning, Balzers, and Contravis.

Bob was married for 31 years to the late Dorothy E. Grome and is survived by his sons Robert W. Grome and his wife Sarah, of Franklin, Allen L. Grome and his wife Laura, of Framingham, his daughter, Brenda L. Swartzel and her husband John, of Holliston and seven grandchildren, Andrew and Melissa Swartzel, Christopher and Nicole Grome, and Katherine, Rebecca, and Rachel Grome. He also leaves his sister Carol Passarello and her husband Al and several nieces and nephews. Bob is also survived by his dear friend, Jo Ann Giovannella.

Visiting hours took place on Thursday, November 30th at Eaton Funeral Home, 1351 Highland Ave in Needham, Massachusetts. The funeral service took place on Friday, December 1st at Carter Memorial United Methodist Church, 800 Highland Avenue in Needham.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the American Diabetes Association.



**Patricia D. (Davis) Figueiredo**, 87, of Marion passed away at home on December 1, 2023. She was the former wife of Edward J. Figueiredo and the daughter of the late Ferman C. and Dorothy R. (Robertson) Davis.

She was born in New Bedford and lived in Marion for all of her life. She graduated from Wareham High School and raised four children with her husband and was a Brownie Leader, Girl Scout Leader, Cub Scout Den Mother and a Softball Coach. She also enjoyed having holidays and cookouts at her home for family and friends.

Mrs. Figueiredo worked as a town clerk administrator for the Town of Marion for several years and loved working as a Crossing Guard for Sippican School in her retirement.

Pat was a lifelong member of the First Congregational Church of Marion and sung in the Choir and presided over many Christenings in her role as a Deacon and was on many committees. Pat also sang in the Sippican Choral Society for many years.

Pat could always be seen walking in the Village of Mar-

ion with friends and her dogs, Yogi and Maggie, respectively as well as playing tennis and riding her bike. Pat was an avid Volunteer having worked storms as a Red Cross Volunteer. She was a member of the Penny Pinchers for many years as well as a member of the Tobey Guild where she volunteered at the Gift Shop at Tobey Hospital. Pat also enjoyed traveling to locations such as England, Scotland, Ireland, the Caribbean, Italy, Greece and Egypt to name a few with friends through her retirement.

Pat was known for her sense of fun and was always a good sport. She had many friends with whom she stayed in touch with, whether it be from years ago or more recently. She had an open door policy and was never more happy as having someone stop by for an unexpected visit.

Her Grandchildren were always welcome at her house and enjoyed many a "Sundae" after school at Grammy's house and many, many sleepovers. The yearly summer vacation with her children and grandchildren in New Hampshire and Maine was always her highlight for the summer. Pat could also be seen relaxing at her beloved Silver Shell or Planting Island Beach.

Survivors include her children, Steven E. Figueiredo and his wife Tania of Wareham, Stephanie (Figueiredo) Harding and her husband Richard of Marion, Thomas J. Figueiredo of Marion and Linda L. (Figueiredo) Dronet and her husband Mark of Biloxi, MS; 10 grandchildren, Steven, Jr., Brandon, Kelsey and Shelby Figueiredo, Timothy Harding, Rebecca Andresen, Sophie Harding, Ruby and Nina Figueiredo and Dakota Dronet; a step granddaughter, Ava Reise and several Great Grandchildren.

Pat was predeceased by her brother, Charles R. Davis and his wife, Lucia of Marion and survived by her sister, Barbara D. Hiller and her husband, Ira R. Hiller, III, of Mattapoisett.

Her graveside service will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at Evergreen Cemetery, Rte. 6 & Converse Rd., Marion.

The Family would like to thank her Caregivers, Sandra and Teresa for their great care and compassion.

Arrangements are by Chapman Funerals & Cremations - Wareham, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham.



**William O. Simpson, III**, 69, of Mattapoisett passed away November 28, 2023 unexpectedly at Tufts Medical Center.

Born in Quincy, son of the late Bertha T. (Southerland) Simpson and William O. Simpson, Jr., he lived in Mattapoisett all of his life. He was the proprietor of Seven Seas Marine and subcontractor for Triad Boatworks, of Mattapoisett for 25 years.

More than anything Bill enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He will be best remem-



shop via the Pick-a-Prize Basket Auction, Silent Auction, Bake Sale Table and the Rochester Historical Society Table. All proceeds benefit the Friends of Plumb Library and directly support Library programs, events and projects.

Friends of Plumb Library Holiday Pick-a-Prize Fundraiser - Thanks to many wonderful donors, we have 12 beautifully curated baskets available for viewing through **December 9**. There's something for everyone - 3 children's baskets, Family Game Night, Baking, Spa, Book Lovers, Artist, Chef, Spirit of Christmas, Friends Market and a Gingerbread House. Buy 12 tickets for \$10 and

select which baskets you'd like to win. Drawing will be held at the end of the Holiday Fair which is happening on **December 9** from 10 am to 2 pm. All proceeds benefit the Friends of Plumb Library and directly support Library programs, events and projects.

On the Road to Creativity At Your Local Library (Ages 6-12) - Join Devin "Nived" McLaughlin from the New Bedford Art Museum artMOBILE on Saturday, **December 16** from 11 am to 1 pm to learn about owls. Create your own owl out of air-dry clay. Supplies and

## OBITUARIES

bered for smuggling them cookies.

Survivors include his son, William O. Simpson, IV and his wife Quinn of East Sandwich; 2 brothers, Jamie Simpson and his husband Bob Dumas of Eustis, FL and Thomas Simpson of Mattapoisett; a sister, Priscilla McDonald and her husband Kenneth of Braintree; 4 grandchildren, Brayden, Emilia, William V, and Jackson; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was the brother of the late Evelyn Ellis.

His visiting hours will be held on Friday, December 15th from 4-7 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. His Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, December 16th 11:30 am at funeral home, followed by a celebration of life. Details will be announced at the service.

**Catherine J. "Kay" (Cousey) Levine**, 90, of Mattapoisett died November 30, 2023, peacefully in her sleep at Nemasket Healthcare Center.



She was the wife of the late Paul I. Levine, and they recently celebrated their 67th Wedding Anniversary.

Born in Waterbury, CT. She was the daughter of the late Vincent J. and Catherine Cousey. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Marion McGrath, and Patricia Fusco.

She was a graduate of Sacred Heart High School in Waterbury, CT, where she met the love of her life, Paul Irving Levine.

After high school she worked at the Timex Corporation in Waterbury, CT, for several years before marrying Paul and moving to Boston, MA, where she worked at the John Hancock Company. She then relocated to Brooklyn, NY where Paul was stationed in the U.S. Army. While in New York she worked at Otis Elevator's Brooklyn office, until she and Paul found themselves in Indianapolis, IN, for Paul's final Army duty station. Next stop was Dorchester, then Needham, and finally her beloved Mattapoisett in 1969.

Kay was a long time, active communicant of St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett. She served as a Eucharistic Minister, Lecture and Altar Server.

She was also active with St. Vincent De Paul, Nativty Preparatory School, and supported her beloved parish in numerous other ways. In recognition of her devoted service to the Diocese of Fall River, she was awarded the Marian Medal.

She was the proprietor of Fashion Corner Uniforms in Dartmouth for many years until retirement.

She was a voracious reader, marvelous storyteller, and prolific letter writer. She enjoyed staying fit and participated in all sorts of activities including ice skating, tennis, bowling, yoga, aerobics, and tai chi. She was also a long time Boston Celtics fan.

She enjoyed travel and together, she and Paul formed the Mattapoisett Touring Company which allowed them to travel the world together with a wonderful group of friends.

She was a long-time member and past president of both the Mattapoisett Women's Club and the Mattapoisett Council on Aging. She was also a Den Mother for Cub Scout Pack 53 and was a regular parent volunteer with the local Brownie Girl Scout Troop.

Survivors include her 2 sons, Paul Levine and his wife Charlotte of Los Angeles and Brian Levine of Mattapoisett; a daughter, Karen Jermstad and her husband David of Washington; 8 grandchildren, Brittany Levine, Tyler Levine. Paul R. Levine, Colin Levine, Jessica Livolsi, Katie Livolsi, Kevin Levine and Patrick Levine; a great-granddaughter, Olivia Last and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends.

The Levine Family would like to thank all of their Friends and Family who kept Kay in their thoughts, prayers, and hearts. A special thanks to the wonderful Folks at Nemasket Healthcare for their devotion to the care of our most loved ones.

Her Funeral will be held on Thursday, December 21st at 9 am from the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett, followed by her Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church at 10 am. Burial will follow in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Visiting hours will be on Wednesday, December 20th from 4-7 pm. For directions and guestbook, visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).

*If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at [office@wanderer.com](mailto:office@wanderer.com).*

# TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



*The Old Rochester Regional Junior High Jazz Band, Grade 7 Concert Band and Chorus all performed during the November 29 Holiday Concert held at the school. Photos courtesy ORR District*

*Elizabeth Tabor Library in Marion is now offering a wide selection of books (gently used) that are great for gift giving. Also available are T-shirts with the library's logo and a raffle. The fundraiser ends on December 23. Photo by Marilou Newell*



*With the scent of fresh baked goodies wafting in the village air, people flocked to Mattapoisett, taking in the splendiferous, handmade holiday crafts and goods on display at St. Anthony's Catholic Church and nearby Congregational Church annual fairs. Holiday music added to the charm enjoyed by many. Photos by Marilou Newell*



*On November 29, the Marion Natural History Museum community group had fun crafting a distinctive butterfly mobile for the museum, drawing inspiration from the detailed illustrations of Maria Sibylla Merian. In this workshop, the participants combined historical accuracy with modern design to produce a captivating display that will hang above our antique butterfly case. Using life-sized, woodcut butterflies, we had fun using a variety of materials to capture their beauty. Many thanks to Karen Alves Cronin and her team for this incredible program. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold*

**These photos and more are available online at [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com)**



instructions included. This event is for children aged 6-12. Registration is required and is limited to 20 children between the ages of 6-12 only – with one grown-up each. Children ages 10 and up do not require adult assistance, but adults must stay in the building. If the event reaches capacity, take-home craft kits will be available while supplies last. This event is inspired by the Audubon prints on display in the Under the Sheltering Sky exhibition at the New Bedford Art Museum. There are 20 spots available. Please register through our Events Calendar.

### Christmas Cantata at Matt Congo

The Mattapoissett Congregational Church invites the community to a special event. "Sing Joy to the World" is the theme for this year's Christmas Cantata which will be held on Sunday, **December 17** at 10 am featuring the Seaglass Theater Company Quartet of Emma Whynacht, Patrice Tiedemann, Jeremy Young, Alexander Breault, the choir of the Mattapoissett Congregational Church and Music Director, Michelle Gordon.

Everyone is welcome at Mattapoissett Congregational Church. For additional information, please contact the church office at 508-758-2671 or [mattcongchurch@gmail.com](mailto:mattcongchurch@gmail.com).

### Mattapoissett Tree Committee

The Mattapoissett Tree Committee will meet on Wednesday, **December 13** at 6:00 pm in the Community Meeting room of the Mattapoissett Public Library. Our special guest is Town Administrator, Michael Lorencio who will give an overview of the Village Road Project and answer questions. The public is welcome, as always.

### Tri-County Symphonic Band Children's Christmas Concert

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the land, Town folks were gathering to hear the Tri-County Symphonic Band.

The Tri-County Symphonic Band, under the direction of Philip Sanborn, celebrates the festive holiday season with its annual Children's Christmas Concert, on Sunday, **December 10**, 1:30 pm at the Sippican School, 16 Spring St. Marion, in the Multi-Purpose Room. The

concert is a wonderful family experience designed for all ages and is free of charge.

The Tri-County Symphonic Band will perform seasonal favorites including "A Most Wonderful Christmas", "Christmas Lights", "Celtic Carol" and "Christmas at the Movies", "Christmas Calypso" and "Troika."

A special part of this year's concert will feature the Sippican School Concert Choir, under the direction of Patricia Richard performing delightful yuletide carols. The Concert Choir will also perform "The Christmas Song" with the Tri-County Symphonic Band.

The youngsters in the audience will enter a drawing with the winners playing the sleigh bells with the Tri-County Symphonic Band in Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride."

The concert will conclude with a "Christmas Sing-a-Long" featuring the Sippican School Concert Choir, followed by a volunteer community band called the "Cottage Street Jam Band", under the direction of Hannah Moore, leading a march from the Sippican School to Island Wharf to greet Santa as he arrives via "water sleigh."

As the band rounds the corner and jolly Santa's is in sight, he wishes peace to all and to all a good night.

### Join the RHS for a Holiday Weekend

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# MOVIE REVIEW

## Class War

By Rob Gonsalves  
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**Saltburn.** Starring Barry Keoghan and Jacob Elordi. Directed by Emerald Fennell. Running time: 130 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.

In some ways the anti-*Holdovers*, the sharp thorn of a movie *Saltburn*, the second film by writer-director Emerald Fennell (*Promising Young Woman*), wants to show the moral vacuity of the upper class and the worse morality of those who aspire to it. On the evidence, Fennell doesn't have much faith in humans, who she seems to think will do any swinish, hurtful thing they can get away with, and in the godless universe occupied by Fennell's characters, they can get away with plenty. The movie is well-appointed and observantly acted, but boy is it a downer. You may need a shot of cinematic Pepto-Bismol in the form of a revisit to *The Holdovers* if you try to down this difficult, unappetizing dish.

Our sympathy goes early on to Oxford freshman Oliver Quick (Barry Keoghan), who talks vaguely of tough times at home. Oliver notices rich boy Felix Catton (Jacob Elordi) and swiftly becomes enamored of him. Is it just envy of the upper-crust kid's reality, or genuine attraction, or all of these and more? Fennell sets up a narrative in which we believe in Oliver (Keoghan, summoning some of the heartbreaking vulnerability that distinguished him in *The Banshees of Inisherin*, makes this easy) and keep looking for proof of malice in the wealthy family he finds himself among.

Oliver befriends Felix, who plays at being a spoiled rich kid but has moments of kindness and awareness of those "beneath his station." Felix invites Oliver to stay the summer with him and his family at their estate, Saltburn. Oliver accepts, and rapidly gains acceptance from Felix's mother Elspeth (Rosamund Pike), sister Venetia (Alison Oliver), and father James (Richard E. Grant). A couple of wild cards are shuffled into the deck — Elspeth's hapless rich friend Pamela (Carey Mulligan in a memorable one-scene cameo) and Felix's cousin Farleigh (Archie Madekwe), also staying at Saltburn. They may make things more complicated for Oliver.

After a while it becomes clear that *Saltburn* has more in common with *The Talented Mr. Ripley* than with anything else, and that it eventually falls into a subgenre



of thriller alongside *Teorema*, *Brimstone and Treacle*, and 2005's *The King*. It's nice — I guess? — that the rich folks shown here turn out quite differently from our expectations. And Fennell sidesteps charges of elitism by making the film's antagonist less a class warrior than a manipulative fabulist. It turns *Saltburn* into something of a revenge tale, except the victims haven't done much to deserve it except exist, which may be part of the point. It also becomes unsatisfying and incoherent, essentially painting the upper class as well-meaning sorts plagued by people looking for financial help and devious moral goblins.

Sitting here after *Saltburn* is over, I don't have a clear feeling about any of the characters except Richard E. Grant's Sir James, who seems none too bright, even childlike (he loves nothing more than a party and an excuse to wear a costume of knight's armor to it), but basically generous until his instincts are steered wrong by duplicity. Much of the work, of course, is done by Grant, who makes a bright impression, as he always has. Emerald Fennell herself comes from money — her father is the jewelry-designer-to-the-stars Theo Fennell — and her treatment of the father here is fond and gentle. Her tender feelings radiate outward to take in the rest of the Catton family.

But then we're thrown back with Oliver, whose behavior takes him to a place where we really can't (don't want to) follow. I was left wondering what the point of *Saltburn* was other than up-ending our biases about people along the class spectrum. I would guess that the current moment won't find many viewers sympathetic to what Fennell seems to be trying. Unlike *Promising Young Woman*, it doesn't tap into the rage of its day. It's just purposelessly unpleasant. The rich, we're left thinking, would be perfectly fine and happy if left alone on their estates and not bothered by people who want their money or their lives. That can't be what Fennell meant us to take away, can it?

10. We'll be at the Plumb Memorial Library Holiday Sale from 10-2 with all of our historical items, including clothing, books, maps, tick-tack-toes and more.

Then the next day we are holding our Holiday Organ Sing at 2:00 at the Museum at 355 County Road. This is a unique opportunity to enjoy holiday music on an organ from the 1890's in a building that is even older. The museum's Vocalion organ is rare, and its music has a quality that is not found in pipe organs.

There is no charge for admission, but we ask attendees to bring an unwrapped gift for a child or teen and any donations to support our ongoing restoration of the organ will be gratefully accepted. As always, refreshments will follow the music.

### Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Indoor Holiday Book Sale through **December 23** - Find great gifts for the whole family at our annual holiday book sale at the Elizabeth Taber Library. Get books, puzzles, DVDs, games, library T-shirts, and raffle tickets to an array of prize baskets.

3D printed holiday ornament kits - Available starting **December 4**. Convert drawings into 3D printed holiday ornaments. Makes a unique holiday keepsake. Pick up a kit with instructions and materials and return your design to the library to be printed. View the website for more details.

Dreidel Crafts - Thursday **December 7** to Friday **December 15** - Learn about Chanukah and make your own dreidel out of clay.

Krampus Karaoke - Thursday **December 14** at 6 pm - Food, fun, and music at the library. Join us to celebrate the season with Krampus Karaoke.

Nutcracker Storytime - Friday **December 15** at 11 am - Go backstage at the Nutcracker with dance educator Kay Hanley Alden. Celebrate the classic holiday tale with dancing, props, and a few surprises.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library, visit us at [www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org](http://www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org) or call us at 508-748-1252

### ORRHS First Term Honor Roll

The following students have achieved honors for the first term at Old Rochester Regional High School;

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# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

### Log highlights Nov 26-Dec 2

- Abels Way - Transport
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St - General service
- Cottage St – EMS/medical
- Park St – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious person
- Mill St - Fraud
- County Rd – MV collision
- Main St – Officer wanted
- Front St – Health/welfare
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Vine St – EMS/medical
- Cottage Ln – EMS/medical
- Mill St – MV complaint
- Mill St – MV collision
- Obery St - Fraud
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Converse Rd – EMS/medical
- Front St – MV collision
- Joanne Dr – Health/welfare
- Boxberry Way – Officer wanted
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Point Rd – Animal control
- River Rd – Fire/haz mat
- Front St – Suspicious activity
- Creek Rd – Animal complaint
- Wareham Rd – Paper service
- Piney Point Rd – Officer wanted
- Point Rd – Suspicious activity

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights Nov 26-Dec 2

- Water St – MV violations
- Brandt Island Rd – MV violations
- Acushnet Rd - Animal control
- Beacon St – Fire alarm
- Pearl St – General service
- County Rd – Follow up
- North St – MV violations
- Oliver's Ln – Health/welfare
- Acushnet Rd – General service
- Oliver's Ln – Assist citizen
- Cove St – Follow up investigation
- Barstow St – 911 call
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Wolf Island Rd – MV crash
- Long Plain Rd – MV violations
- Bayberry Ln – 911 call
- Acushnet Rd – General service
- Marion Rd – 911 call
- Acushnet Rd – Missing person
- Park St – Follow up investigation
- Homestead Ct – Follow up
- Church St – General service
- Marion Rd – Suspicious person
- County Rd – Restraining order
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Industrial Dr – MV crash
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – MV crash
- County Rd - Threats
- County Rd - Disturbance

## ROCHESTER

### Log highlights Nov 26-Dec 2

- Cushman Rd – Animal control
- Rounseville Rd – Erratic MV
- Dexter Ln – General service
- Cushman Rd – Suspicious activity
- County Rd – Suspicious activity
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Mattapoisett Rd – Animal control
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Gerrish Rd – 911 call
- County Rd – MV stop/citation
- Randall Rd - Medical
- Cushman Rd - Fraud
- Cranberry Hwy – Road hazard
- High St – MV stop/citation
- North Ave – MV stop/arrest
- High St – MV stop/towed
- Marion Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cushman Rd – Suspicious activity
- New Bedford Rd - Medical
- Necks Rd – Suspicious activity
- Ryder Rd – General services
- High St – Animal control
- County Rd – Noise complaint
- Mendell Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Sarahbeth Ln – MV stop/arrest
- Marys Pond Rd – MV collision
- High St – Follow up
- Randall Rd - Investigation
- Stuart Rd – 911 call

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit [www.Wanderer.com](http://www.Wanderer.com).



## REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

### COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

**Monday, Dec 11:** Hot dog, mustard, baked beans, broccoli, hot dog roll, banana

**Tuesday, Dec 12:** Carne Asada, yellow rice, peas & mushrooms, oatmeal roll, mixed fruit

**Wednesday, Dec 13:** Tossed salad w/dressing, grilled chicken parmesan, penne pasta w/tomato sauce, multigrain roll, Mandarin oranges

**Thursday, Dec 14:** Roast turkey w/gravy, mashed potatoes, winter squash, snowflake roll, vanilla custard, diet: Lorna Doone's

**Friday, Dec 15:** Baked cod w/ herb sauce, whipped sweet potato, spring/summer blend, rye bread, peaches

### CENTER SCHOOL

**Monday, Dec 11:** Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, steamed carrots

**Tuesday, Dec 12:** Taco nacho platter, taco topping bar, brown rice, black bean salad

**Wednesday, Dec 13:** Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich,

hashbrown patty, orange smiles

**Thursday, Dec 14:** Grilled chicken parmesan served over lightly buttered pasta, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

**Friday, Dec 15:** Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

### OLD HAMMONDTOWN

**Monday, Dec 11:** Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, steamed carrots

**Tuesday, Dec 12:** Taco nacho platter, taco topping bar, brown rice, black bean salad

**Wednesday, Dec 13:** Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

**Thursday, Dec 14:** Grilled chicken parmesan served over lightly buttered pasta, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

**Friday, Dec 15:** Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

### OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

**Monday, Dec 11:** Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked

potato wedges, steamed carrots

**Tuesday, Dec 12:** Taco nacho platter, taco topping bar, brown rice, black bean salad

**Wednesday, Dec 13:** Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

**Thursday, Dec 14:** Grilled chicken parmesan served over lightly buttered pasta, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

**Friday, Dec 15:** Hot Buffalo chicken dip served with whole grain tortilla chips, fresh veggie sticks

### ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

**Monday, Dec 11:** Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, steamed carrots

**Tuesday, Dec 12:** Taco nacho platter, taco topping bar, brown rice, black bean salad

**Wednesday, Dec 13:** Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

**Thursday, Dec 14:** Grilled chicken parmesan served over lightly buttered pasta, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

**Friday, Dec 15:** Stuffed crust

pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

### SIPPICAN SCHOOL

**Monday, Dec 11:** Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, steamed carrots

**Tuesday, Dec 12:** Taco nacho platter, taco topping bar, brown rice, black bean salad

**Wednesday, Dec 13:** Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles

**Thursday, Dec 14:** Grilled chicken parmesan served over lightly buttered pasta, savory green beans, garlic breadstick

**Friday, Dec 15:** Stuffed crust pizza, garden salad, assorted salad dressing, roasted chic peas

### OLD COLONY REGIONAL

**Monday, Dec 11:** Teriyaki beef stir fry bowl

**Tuesday, Dec 12:** Chicken nuggets & fries

**Wednesday, Dec 13:** American chop suey & garlic bread

**Thursday, Dec 14:** Scrambled eggs, tator tots & pancakes

**Friday, Dec 15:** Assorted pizza



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### Mattapoisett Museum Holiday Sing-Along

The Mattapoisett Museum at 5 Church Street invites the community to join together on Sunday, **December 17** at 4:00 pm. Join us for a Holiday Sing-along led by Steve LaValley and accompanied by Gail Roberts. The song list will include old time favorites such as Jingle Bells, Rudolf, Deck the Halls and many more. Song booklets of the words will be provided. After the singalong, participants will meet Santa Claus himself and

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# TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Checking out the freshly-lit Rochester Christmas tree is one-year-old Ethan Cooper Fortin. The town enjoyed a beautiful Monday evening and a large turnout, as children gathered on the steps of Town Hall to sing carols, and Santa Claus arrived with a Fire Department escort to hand out candy canes. Photos by Mick Colageo



Welcome to "A Winter Wonderland at Handy's Tavern." Sippican Woman's Club member Lorraine Charest is busy putting on finishing touches at the clubhouse aka "The Tavern," 152 Front Street, where ticket holders for the club's 33 Holiday House Tour embark on Saturday, December 9, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Tavern will also be open during the Christmas Stroll on Sunday, December 10. Photo by Kathy Tibbetts



Sandra Hering is decked out in Santa attire as she invites traffic to turn into Saturday morning's sale of wreaths and other assorted Christmas decorations at the Fire Station on the corner of Route 6 and Barstow in Mattapoissett. The annual event, put on by the Mattapoissett Woman's Club, raises money to fund a college scholarship. Photos by Mick Colageo



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enjoy some festive refreshments.

### MGG Annual Holiday Boutique

The Marion Garden Group's annual Holiday Boutique opens on Saturday, **December 9** at 9:00 am sharp and closes at 12:30 pm. An array of wreaths, garlands, table decorations and hand-made one-of-a-kind ornaments will be installed in the Marion Music Hall. The historic building lends itself as an elegant backdrop to showcase the various items for sale. Volunteer MGG elves have been working tirelessly all year in preparation for the festive event. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. Proceeds benefit the nonprofit organization and support beautification projects around town, tree tagging, plus educational and enrichment programs.

**December 9** is a busy time in Marion: - Sippican Women's Club House Tour, The Congregational Church Luncheon and a visit to Elizabeth Taber's gift to Marion, built in 1893, the venerable Music Hall, corner of Front and Cottage Streets.

### Christmas at the Knights of Columbus

All are welcome to join the Mattapoisett Knights for their Annual Christmas Event at 57 Fairhaven Rd, Mattapoisett, on **December 8** from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. This free Celebration will feature Santa and Mrs. Claus arriving by fire truck at 7:00 and will include a bonfire, live music, cookies, cocoa, cider and friends. All are welcome.

### Rochester Republican Town Committee

The Rochester Republican Town Committee will be holding its monthly meeting Wednesday, **December 13**, at the North Rochester Congregational Church, 289 North Avenue, Rochester. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm on the lower level of the church. The community is invited to attend. You do not have to be a member of the committee to participate in discussions. Should you have any questions, you may contact Bill Chamberlain at 508-272-6793 or by email [pauln75@verizon.net](mailto:pauln75@verizon.net).

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Another added attraction of the Holiday Book Sale is that refreshments of mulled cider and home baked Christmas cookies will be served. The sale will feature books in gift giving condition, as well as puzzles and games. Colorful ETL T-shirts, for children and adults and onesies, all priced at \$25, will also be for sale. The sale will run through **December 23** for the convenience of last-minute shoppers. It will be held at the library at 8 Spring Street, Marion.

### Rochester Historical Society

The Rochester Historical Society will be at the Library Christmas Sale selling all things Rochester. We hope to see you there on **December 9**.

**December 10** at 2:00, we'll be showing off our organ with a Holiday Organ Sing. This will be followed by refreshments. Please bring an unwrapped gift for a child or teen. We'll also gratefully accept any donations to our organ fund as we work to repair some of its age-related issues.

### Sippican Choral Society Holiday Concert

Join us as we bring the brass to Wickenden Chapel, Tabor Academy, for our annual Holiday Concert on Saturday, **December 9** at 7:00 pm, featuring the majesty of John Rutter's musical setting of the "Gloria" with full brass orchestra. Come marvel at the ethereal beauty of Felix Mendelssohn's "Behold a Star from Jacob Shining" and Howard Helvey's "O Lux Beatissima." Sing along to "Joy to the World" and sway to the rhythm of Mack Wilberg's West Indian carol "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy." Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$10 for students and free for children 14 and under. Tickets

can be purchased online at [sippicanchoralsociety.org](http://sippicanchoralsociety.org), or from Choral Society members at Marion General Store, the Symphony Music Shop and at the door with cash or check.

### Theatre One Presents Shangri-La

What does Shangri-La and the Holiday Season have in common? The Magic of Forgiveness, Love, Happiness and Renewal. Come join the fun with Theatre One as four talented actors directed by Peg Holzemer perform a Stage Reading of Shangri-La by Needham Playwright Nancy Temple, followed by a Q&A between playwright and audience, at the Mitchell Memorial Club, Sunday, **December 17** at 2 pm with doors opening at 1:30. All tickets \$10 cash only and full bar. No reservations. Theatre One also collects Food Donations at all our events for the Sacred Heart Food Pantry, serving the towns of Carver, Rochester, Lakeville and Middleboro.

### Mattapoisett Land Trust Merchandise

Do you have old Mattapoisett Land Trust merchandise laying around in a drawer somewhere? Well, we'd love to see a picture of it. If you have older, discontinued land trust merchandise, please snap a photo of it and email it to [manager@mattlandtrust.org](mailto:manager@mattlandtrust.org).

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Lawrence  
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familiarily  
19 Totally alter  
20 Visibly sulky  
21 Pack of yaks  
22 Coastal inlet  
23 Monumental  
24 Of very hilly  
regions  
25 Liveliness  
27 Betray by  
snitching  
29 Possible  
answer to  
"Who is?"  
30 Scottish  
refusals  
32 Lupe of  
"Mexican  
Spitfire"  
33 With 73- and  
117-Across,  
notable fact  
about this  
puzzle's  
solution  
37 Antigen-  
attacking  
lymphocyte  
39 Abbr. ending  
a math proof  
40 Suffix with  
form  
41 Deer relative  
42 Surgical tool  
44 Put a levy on  
47 Smidge

- 49 Des Moines  
native  
51 Cry to a  
lifesaver  
53 Move in  
spasms  
56 "American  
Pie" actor —  
William Scott  
58 Visibly awed  
60 Tailless cat  
61 Pop's Grande  
63 The Beatles'  
"Eleanor —"  
65 Gibson liquor  
66 1847 Herman  
Melville novel  
67 Big name in  
utility knives  
68 Atty.'s title  
69 18-wheeler  
71 Div. of a  
hoops game  
73 See  
33-Across  
80 Mine, in Italy  
81 ROY G. —  
82 Albuquerque-  
to-Denver dir.  
83 Chef's hat  
85 Travel by foot  
89 Cable inits.  
for old films  
91 Reverend  
Jackson  
93 Tweak  
94 Ending for  
buck  
95 "El —"  
(nickname of  
a drug lord)  
97 Drink heartily

- 99 Acorn trees  
100 "Incredible!"  
102 D-Max pickup  
maker  
104 Tips, as a hat  
106 Wd. often  
ending in "-ly"  
107 Rho-tau link  
109 Western  
treaty inits.  
111 U.S. spy gp.  
112 Former Pan  
Am rival  
115 Decide you  
will  
117 See  
33-Across  
121 Part of a  
ship's hull  
123 Cartoon hits  
125 Cool, man  
126 Some Native  
Americans  
127 Getting a  
laugh out  
129 Cool guy on  
"Happy Days"  
133 Years, in Italy  
134 Traffic snarl  
135 Lawn digger  
136 Popular place  
for a piercing  
137 Give a test to  
138 Log splitter  
139 "— Out of My  
League"  
140 Basic nature  
141 "That's clear"

## DOWN

- 1 Trig, for calc,  
e.g.  
2 Put new  
concrete on  
3 Revised copy  
4 Cholesterol-  
lowering drug  
5 Funny Carrey  
6 Artist Yoko  
7 "Be quiet!"  
8 Univ. about  
50 miles  
west of  
Topeka  
9 Coating  
with glossy  
varnish  
10 Yang partner  
11 Office scribe  
12 Interlaced  
13 Is  
14 Third bk. of  
the Bible  
15 Roguish  
behavior  
16 Group of  
precision  
marchers  
17 Ceremony  
18 "Run This  
Town" rapper  
26 Toon frame  
28 Laugh  
syllable from  
a Stoooge  
31 Plant —  
(claim some  
territory,  
maybe)  
34 Writer Mario  
Vargas —  
35 Mitigate  
36 "King Kong"  
studio

- 38 Solidifies  
43 "Seminar,"  
for "Marines,"  
e.g.: Abbr.  
45 River in Italy  
46 "Kisses and  
hugs" symbol  
47 Glide in a rink  
48 Glaring  
50 "That's the —  
goes"  
52 Med. insurer  
53 NFL's  
Jaguars, on  
scoreboards  
54 The "E" of  
39-Across  
55 Well-off  
57 Muslim face  
veil  
59 Arouse  
62 Linguist  
Chomsky  
64 Mark over a  
short vowel  
68 Pliocene, e.g.  
70 Big name in  
infomercial  
knives  
72 Eligible for  
Soc. Sec.  
74 Class for an  
Eng. major  
75 Little jewel  
76 Sam of golf  
77 Judo halls  
78 Blue hue  
79 Walrus tooth  
84 Aliens, briefly  
85 Tot's glassful  
86 Yank who  
wore #13

- 87 Small  
amount,  
as of sales  
88 Jazz  
saxophonist  
Dave  
90 Injure  
greatly  
92 People  
crushing  
things  
93 Stick on  
96 Biblical song  
98 Points of  
convergence  
101 Prizes highly  
103 Animals:  
Suffix  
105 Kismet  
108 Wolf down  
110 Suppress  
112 Pre-liftoff  
expression  
113 Hot dog  
114 Judicial  
inquest  
116 Book divs.  
118 Lauder of  
cosmetics  
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# SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A project benefits from your organizational skills, which get it up and running. Your success leaves a favorable impression. Don't be surprised if you get some positive feedback soon.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Spend time on practical matters until the end of the month. Then begin shifting your focus to more artistic pursuits. Resist being overly self-critical. Just allow yourself to feel free to create.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Restarting those creative projects that you had set aside for a while will help provide a much-needed soothing balance to your hectic life. Besides, it will be like meeting with old friends again.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A change in plans could make it tough to keep a commitment. But stay with it. You'll get an A-plus for making the effort to do what's right and not taking the easy way out by running off.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The Lion's enthusiasm for a workplace policy review is admirable. But be sure you know who is really behind the resistance to change before pointing your finger at the wrong person.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You can expect to have a lot of work through the end of the month. Devote the rest of the week to checking your plans in case some need to be adjusted to accommodate changes.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Try to avoid signing on the dotted line in the early part of the week. You need time to study issues that weren't fully explored. The first week of next month might be more favorable for decision-making.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A new development could snarl travel schedules or other holiday projects. Some flexibility might be called for to deal with problems before they get too far out of hand.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Relatives seek your advice on a matter that you'd rather not be involved in. If so, use your sage Sagittarian tact to decline the "offer" so that no one's feelings are needlessly hurt.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A shift in planning direction might help you speed up your progress toward achieving that long-planned goal. Trusted colleagues are ready to offer some valuable support.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) An unexpected demand for the settlement of an old loan could create some holiday anxiety. But you might not really owe it. Check your records thoroughly before remitting payment.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to get into the social swim and enjoy some well-earned fun and games with those closest to you before you have to resume more serious activities next week.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your ability to sense the needs of others makes you a wise counselor for those seeking help with their problems.  
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at the land trust booth on Harbor Days. We'd love to see photos of your old favorite designs to help inspire us in designing some new merchandise.

### **Rochester Historical Society Holiday Organ Sing**

The Rochester Historical Society will be hosting a Holiday Organ Sing at 2:00 on **December 10** at the historical museum, 355 County Road. We will have music and refreshments to celebrate the upcoming holiday. There is no charge (though donations to our organ fund are always greatly appreciated) but we ask everyone to bring an unwrapped gift for a child or teen to be donated to a local charity.

### **Black Bears in Massachusetts**

On Friday, **December 8**, from 6:30 – 7:30, the Marion Natural History Museum will welcome Steven Wright and Jason Zimmer, wildlife biologists with the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. They will be giving a presentation on the Black Bears in Massachusetts.

Black bears are found throughout much of the state, including southeastern Massachusetts. Let's learn what to do if you see a bear and what steps to take to protect your home and property. We'll hear a little about the life history of the black bear and why they're here.

Let's learn about our bear population so that we can be respectful toward our wild neighbors. We may need to learn to change our behavior, because bears aren't going to change theirs.


To RSVP, please go to the Marion Natural History Museum website: [www.marionmuseum.org](http://www.marionmuseum.org).

### **Holiday Luncheon and Cookie Sale**

The First Congregational Church of Marion is excited to bring back their Annual Holiday Luncheon to coincide with the Sippican Women's Club Holiday House Tour. The luncheon takes place on Saturday, **December 9** from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. With a price of \$15 per ticket, this event promises to be a delightful stop during the House Tour or an opportunity to enjoy some holiday

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The luncheon features our famous hot chicken salad, along with cranberry compote, assorted homemade breads, beverages, plus cheesecake with topping for dessert. The cost of the luncheon is \$15. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Marion General Store and will also be available at the door the day of the event.

Before or after lunch, stop by the Cookie Sale to purchase delicious holiday cookies made by some of the best bakers of the church. These cookies will be offered in beautifully decorated boxes and will make a perfect host or hostess gift or a special treat when company pops in.

The Holiday Luncheon and Cookie Sale will be held on the second floor of The First Congregational Church Community Center, 144 Front Street, Marion. This building, equipped with a stair lift, is located at the rear of the Marion General Store parking lot. Parking is available

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### TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings held in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference room; 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted) New format of meetings; start time is 6:00 pm \*\*THIS MEETING WILL BE IN PERSON ON DECEMBER 21, 2023\*\*

CONTINUANCE: Case #1527: Petition of: Allan Pineda, P.O. Box 1509, Mattapoisett, MA, 02739; RE: 33 Church Street. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit, as provided by Article 3 Section 3.1.2.2 and Variance by Article 7, Section 7.2.3 of the Zoning By-Laws, to request permission to construct a 42'X30' Single Family Dwelling with a 15X16 deck and 27.6X5.6 front porch. The property is further described as Plot 9, Lot 48 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2023

Case #1532: Petition of: Dennis Mahoney, 1 Industrial Drive, Mattapoisett, MA, 02739; RE: 20 County Road. The applicant is seeking a Variance, as provided by Article 7, Section 7.2.3 of the Zoning By-Laws, to request permission to construct an 8'X19' dry storage addition. The property is further described as Plot 9, Lot 198 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held on Thursday, December 21, 2023

Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.

Sincerely,  
Susan Akin, Chairperson,  
Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler, Anthony Tranfaglia, Jordan Rodrigues 12/7, 12/14

### TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by Alexander A. Bauer.

The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.

The Applicant proposes to construct a 9.12'x 16' deck on sono-tube supports together

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with masonry-type steps. All work to be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (E1. 15).

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

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### George's Pony Pasture Stone Wall Restoration

The Rochester Land Trust has launched a fundraising campaign to restore the stone walls at "George's Pony Pasture" on Mattapoisett Road. The campaign has raised \$16,000 so far, \$8000 from Land Trust members and another \$8000 from an anonymous donor who offered to match every dollar raised, up to \$10,000. Masons began work on the wall this past weekend and will continue through November, weather permitting.

The property is named after philanthropist and town legend George Church, whose pony often grazed in the field beyond the wall. George passed away in 2014 at the age of 90. The Rochester Land Trust acquired three properties from George by virtue of "bargain sales", where land is purchased for less than market value. All three properties offer the iconic landscapes that are indicative of the rural character that the Land Trust seeks to preserve. While only three acres in size, George's Pony Pasture has over 1,000 feet of road frontage, bounded by dry field stone walls front and back.

Russ Keeler, Treasurer at the RLT, opined "not only does this project enhance Rochester's rural character and honor George Church himself, but it also honors the now forgotten craftsmen who originally built this wall. It boggles the mind to consider the amount of effort expended to clear the field and build this wall, especially before the age of mechanized equipment. We are heartened by and grateful for the close to 50 townspeople who have supported this project so far."

It is not too late to support this project. "It is unrealistic to think we can fix the entire wall, front and back, but the more money we raise, the more of it will be restored", said Keeler. Contributions may be made to the RLT at PO Box 337, Rochester, MA 02770, or by using the PayPal link on their website at [www.rochesterlandtrust.org](http://www.rochesterlandtrust.org).

### Newport Playhouse Trip

Come and enjoy the fun on **December 14** as the

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Please call the Marion Council on Aging at 508-748-3570 or Mattapoisett Council on Aging at 508-758-4110 to make your reservation. Space is limited.

### BBAHFH Seeking Land

The Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity is currently seeking partnerships to secure low-cost land for their next home. A local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, BBAHFH mission is 'building homes, communities and hope'. BBAHFH was first established in 1996 and serves the nine communities of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester, Wareham and Westport.

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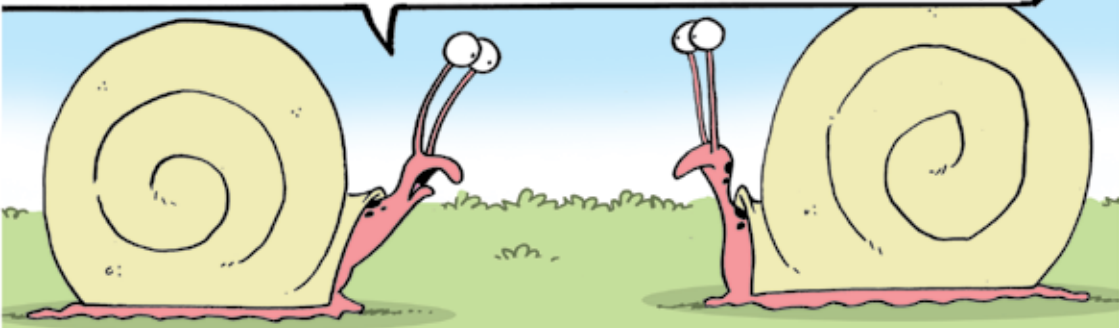
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### South Coast Chamber Music Series

South Coast Chamber Music Series (SCCMS) Artistic Director Janice Weber is pleased to announce the full program for the 2023-2024 season. "Welcome to another season of spectacular chamber music performed by artists of the NBSO. This year The Brass join in for a brilliant blowout and throughout the season, masterworks traversing three centuries are leavened with a selection of delectable duos. Our precious heritage of American chamber music – startling, majestic, and unique – features on each program. With special gratitude to Patty Plum Wylde for her sponsorship of our February concert, we look forward to seeing all of our steadfast supporters for another exciting journey together.

This SCCMS season features NBSO musicians Jesse Holstein, violin; EmmaLee Holmes-Hicks, violin; Ethan Wood, violin; Anna Griffis, viola; Leo Eguchi, cello; Janice Weber, piano; Peter Zay, cello; Christopher Nunn, viola; Zebediah Upton, trumpet; Geoffrey Shamu, trumpet; Seth Budahl, trombone; Michael Bellofatto, horn; James Monaghan, bass trombone; as well as SCCMS Artistic Director Janice Weber, piano.

#### Concert Listing:

Viva Viola: **February 3 & 4**

Trifecta: **March 9 & 10**

Banquet: **April 27 & 28**

Saturday concerts will take place at 4:00 pm at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front Street, Marion. Sunday concerts will take place at 4:00 pm at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 351 Elm Street, South Dartmouth. Individual concert tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance. Save 20% by subscribing to all 5 concerts for \$100. Tickets and subscriptions are available online at [nbsymphony.org/chamber-series-2023-2024](http://nbsymphony.org/chamber-series-2023-2024) or by calling the NBSO office: 508-999-6276 ext. 222.

The NBSO is a professional orchestra that annually presents a concert series of classical and pops music with internationally acclaimed guest artists, as well as an outstanding chamber music series. In addition, the NBSO's innovative and nationally recognized educational programs reach 8,000 students each year. The NBSO is dedicated to building a community of music in the South Coast. Visit [www.nbsymphony.org](http://www.nbsymphony.org) today.

### Media Lab Open at the Mattapoisett Library

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The purpose of the Mattapoisett Library's Media Lab is to provide library users with a space where they may use various digital media, creative software and associated technologies that support their educational, professional and personal goals and endeavors. Within the Mattapoisett Media Lab, users will be able to utilize tools like the Media Lab computer, 3D Printer, 3D Scanner, Cricut, Cricut Smart Heat Press, Animation Studio Kit and more. Software that users can take advantage of includes the Corel Suite and the Adobe Creative Suite.

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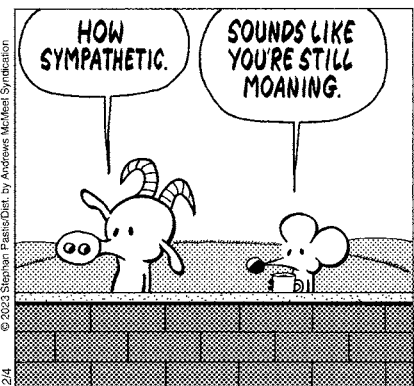
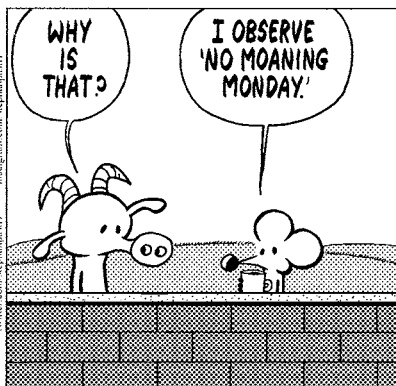
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## New Bedford Symphony 2023-2024 Season

The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and Music Director Yaniv Dinur are pleased to announce the 2023-2024 concert series, taking place at New Bedford High School's Bronsiegel Auditorium. Subscription tickets for the season are now available, and individual concert tickets will go on sale in August.

"I'm excited to present to you a concert season like never before. Never before – because we won't be at the Zeiterion this season (you might have heard it's getting a makeover.) Never before – because we will be at the New Bedford High School. But mostly never before – because every live concert is a unique experience that never happened before and once finished, will never return. That's the magic – and mystery – of the phenomena of music. I can't wait to see you at the symphony." – Yaniv Dinur, Music Director

NBSO 2023-2024 Season:

**December 10**, Holiday Pops: Southeastern Massachusetts Youth Orchestras and Showstoppers

**January 20**, Movie Pops: Let's Get Animated

**March 16**, Growth: Jesse Holstein, violin and Anna Griffis, viola

**April 13**, Many Contrasts: Katherine Chi, piano

**May 18**, The Way of Passion: Sergei Babayan, piano

All concerts will take place at the Bronsiegel Auditorium, New Bedford High School, 230 Hathaway Boulevard, New Bedford. Classical performances include preconcert talks by Music Director Yaniv Dinur at 6:30 pm in the auditorium.

Subscriptions are now available. Subscribe to the full season (7 concerts) and receive a discount of 15% off ticket prices, while a discount of 10% is applied when you subscribe to your choice of 3 to 6 concerts. You can find complete concert details and subscribe online through the NBSO website ([www.nbsymphony.org](http://www.nbsymphony.org)) or by calling the NBSO at 508-999-6276, ext. 222. Subscribe today to get the best possible seats and pay no ticketing fees. Individual concert tickets go on sale **August 22**. Details on our 2023-2024 South Coast Chamber Concert Series will be



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## Mattapoisett Republican Party

The Mattapoisett Republican Party has returned as an organization to Mattapoisett. Everyone interested in participating in the GOP should contact Bill Reidy, Chair Mattapoisett GOP, email: [ChairMattGOP@Gmail.com](mailto:ChairMattGOP@Gmail.com); Mail: 82 County Rd., PMB #17, Mattapoisett, MA 02739; Mobile: 508-287-8008; Website: [MattapoisettGOP.com](http://MattapoisettGOP.com); Facebook: Mattapoisett Republican Party; Twitter: Mattapoisett Republican Party, @MattyMAGOP.

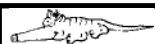
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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	December 7	3:09	3:18	9:31	9:30
Friday	December 8	3:59	4:12	10:22	10:09
Saturday	December 9	4:47	5:04	11:06	10:48
Sunday	December 10	5:32	5:51	11:47	11:27
Monday	December 11	6:15	6:36		12:29
Tuesday	December 12	6:58	7:22	12:08	1:13
Wednesday	December 13	7:44	8:09	12:52	1:59
Thursday	December 14	8:31	8:58	1:38	2:45
Friday	December 15	9:21	9:50	2:27	3:29
Saturday	December 16	10:14	10:46	3:17	4:15
Sunday	December 17	11:10	11:43	4:09	5:04
Monday	December 18		12:08	5:07	6:01
Tuesday	December 19	12:42	1:05	6:24	7:08
Wednesday	December 20	1:40	2:03	8:21	8:13
Thursday	December 21	2:40	3:04	9:43	9:09
Friday	December 22	3:42	4:07	10:43	9:56
Saturday	December 23	4:43	5:07	11:34	10:40
Sunday	December 24	5:39	6:01		12:05
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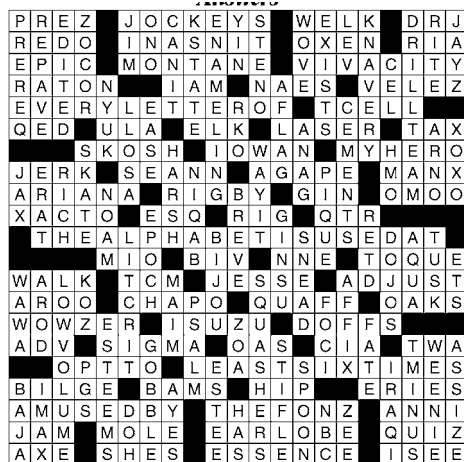
Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

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To enter visit: [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com) and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*  
In the November 30, 2023 edition the Aardvark was on page 44

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

## CROSSWORD SOLUTION



## SCRAMBLERS

## solution

1. Horde 2. Trace;  
3. Antic; 4. Image

## Today's Word

## CHAIR

## Sudoku Answer

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1	6	9	3	4	5	7	2	8
8	4	2	7	9	1	3	6	5
6	3	1	4	2	9	5	8	7
2	9	8	5	3	7	6	1	4
5	7	4	1	6	8	2	9	3
9	1	5	8	7	6	4	3	2
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